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DO YOU REMEMBER?

800 People Enjoyed Luzerne Co. Picnic At Farview 51 Years Ago

Fifty-one years ago today 800 people from Luzerne County were enjoying themselves at the Farview Picnic grounds.

The following account of the outing appeared in the Carbondale Leader of August 22, 1895: "One of the largest excursions of this season is enjoying the day at Farviews. The Excursion is a consolidation of the Welch Presbyterian churches of Luzerne County and numbers about 800 persons. At Yatesville the train of 15 coaches stalled on the hill and the services of engine No. 34 were required to help engine No. 116 pull the train to this city. While waiting for the engine the train was delayed nearly an hour."

This account will probably bring back memories to many residents of this city who remembers taking a trip to Farview, which was then one of the greatest and most beauti

ful picnic spots in the country, on the Gravity Railroad.

According to other articles appearing in subsequent articles in the Leader of 1895, people from all over the state made trips to Farview to conduct picnics.

September 2 of that year was the date on which the Mozart Band was to conduct its annual excursion. An advertisement stated that the band expected to have its new uniforms on hand for the occasion. The Ancient Order of Foresters also had scheduled an outing for that year. On one day over 1,800 people from lower Luzerne county made the trip there.

According to old timers, Farview was the scene of many Sunday School and Church picnics and that a mad rush, to secure tables and benches, would be made as soon as the train stopped.